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BISHOP BRENT, on being elected Chairman of the International Opium Commission at Shanghai, delivered a speech in which he remarked that all great problems go through two distinct stages. There is first the emotional stage, "based largely upon sentiment and ideals that are conceived in the inner self, sometimes more independent of facts than is warranted." The emotional stage finds expression in agitation, and, as the Chairman remarked, "we have had ag ta_ tion," in regard to the opium problem. In his opinion we are "at least midway in the second or scientific stage, when men dear with ascertained facts and reach certain conclusions of a practical character that will enable those on whom the responsibility rests to arrive at some final conclusion. How much better it would be if the scientific stage came first, and the emot onal stage later | There would not then be half as many bysterical folk in the world as there are now under the existing order of solving "great problems." . The difficulty, however, in this opium problem is to ascertain the facts H.E. TUAN FANG, the Chinese High Commissioner, in his inangural address last week, made the astonishing statement that the various provinces of the Empire have ben able to so reduce the cultivation of the".

poppy that " it would seem that this cultivation may be entirely stopped within the next couple of years." Now on October 4th last an Imperial Rescript was issued with regard to a memorial presented to the Throne by the Ministry of Finance, giving the returns of foreign imports of opium and of the native production, together with the sales thereof. These returns showed

A meeting of exporters was held at Hankow on the 2nd instant, to protest against the that the native production in 1905 was arbitrary action of the River steamers in raising 142,698 piculs, in 1906 it was 148,100; and the price of freight by Tls. 1.20 per ton, thus in 1907 119,948. The sales in 1905 are entailing enormous loss on the trade. shown as having amounted to within 1000 Soochow is now provided with electric light piculs of the production; in 1907 they fell works. M-chinery capable of lighting about 6,000 short of the production by nearly 18,000 lamps has been installed and some 3,000 lamps piculs, and in 1907, the sales were over are already in use and in a short time the railway station will be lighted by electricity. 22,000 piculs short of the production. These are interesting figures, Kowloon residents will be glad to learn that but are they more reliable than Chinese the Sanitary Board have taken action which statistics usually are? And what justificashould put an end to many complaints which Per Case. tion is there for believing that the suppreshave come from that side of the harbour lately sion of the traffic will proceed at the same We learn that the scavenging contractor has rate? In this same memorial it is been penalised to the extent of \$150 for a shown that there was a progressive breach of the terms of his contract. increase in sales of foreign opium in those three years. In 1905 are returned as 51,920 picule; in 1906

that the production in China of native

opium is from eight to ten times as large as

the total import of the foreign drug. Which

duties of the Commission will be to ascertain

the relative amounts of foreign and native

opium consumed in the Empire, and in view

of the notorious unreliability of Chinese

statistics we fear that this initial difficulty

Chairman rightly insisted that in all the

mind that they were to confine themselves

to facts that would enable them, he

trusted, to reach unanimous resolutions

practical, broad and wise character in con

nexion with these resolutions. Bishop BRENT

throw out the sugge-tion that it would be

extremely wise if the assembly were to rule

out of their deliberations "what might be

termed useless historical questions Leneath

which a great deal a controversy lies hidden

and which would only tend to fog the issue."

That sounds excellent enough, but we

question the wisdom of disregarding a his-

tory which sheds so much light on the

problem which the Commissioners have

indeed to disregard it, but we can be quite

sure that, whatever historical knowledge of

will be applied to the clearing of the

issue and not to the fagging of it. The

aeliberations of the Commission are to

be conducted in camera, but a Pub.

lication Committee will be responsible

for the issue of summaries of the proceed-

ings. Doubtless the appointment of the

Commission has strengthened the purpose

of the Chinese Government, but a sym-

posium of reports from a large number of

when he predicted the suppression of the

cultivation of the poppy in China "in the

The English Mail of the 9th January was

There is an interesting short story in the

Queen by Miss Violet Blair, daughter of Dr.

Koch, of Hongkong. It is entitled "When

It is very satisfactory to note that up to the

6th instant there has not been a single case of

plague this year in the Colony. The return of

other communicable diseases shows two fatal

On Sunday the dead body of a coolie was

found lying on the roadside at Shaukiwan. On

ton of the coolie a heavy load of timber was

found. It is surmised that deceased, while

carrying this load stumbled and fell, and a piece

of wood striking him on the head killed him

The return of visitors to the City Hall Library

and Museum for the week ending the 7th

February, 1909, shows that of non-Chinese

there were 421 to the Library and 109 to the

Museum and of Chinese 175 to the former and

5,989 to the latter. The Library was, therefore

used by 596 persons and the Museum by 6.098.

Harmston's Circus will be with as for only

five nights more. The tent at Causeway Bay

was spain well filled last night, and the-

audience testified their approval of the good

turns provided in the usual way. To-night's

programme will include an amateu tiding

competition, for which numerous entrants have

been booked, and to morrow afternoon there will

course of a couple of years.".

delivered in London on the 6 inst.

cases of enteric fever, both Chinese.

Half-Gods go."

assembled to discuss. It is hardly possible

and, perhaps, recommendations of

A Naval and Military festival service is to be held at St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, to-night at 9 p.m. when a sermon will be presched by the 54,117 piculs, and in 1907, 54,580. Accord- Right Rev. Lord Bishop of Victoria By kind ing to these returns the native-grown permission of Lt.-Col. Beard, D.S.O., and the opium is shown to be only about twice as Officers, the Band of The Buffs play in addition to the Cathedral Organ. A collection will made on behalf of The Soldiers and Sailers' China. In the letter published in yester-Families' Association. day's Daily Press over the signatures of the Opium Merchants of Hongkong it was said

J. R. Wood at the Magistracy yesterday.

is completed.

We are officially informed that it is proposed

to demolish the Clock Tower as soon as the

new Clock Tower on the Post Office buildings

"In memory of John Shaw Burdon, Bishop of Victoria, Hongkong, 1846-1897" is the inscription on a sold silver Alms [Dish which has been presented to St. John's Cathedral by Bishop Burdon's sons, Major J. A. Burdon, statement is correct? One of the first C.M.G., of Northern Nigeria, and Mr. E. R. Burdon, M.A., of Cambridge. The inscription is engraven round the rim of the Alms Dish while the central design is copied from the late Bishop's seal.

> The impudence of some Chinese thieves who broke into the house of Mr. Gomes in Caine Road and stole a quantity of cooking utensils proved to be their undoing. After getting away with their booty the defendants sent a gobetween to Mr. Gomez' cook and offered to let him redeem the stolen property for a small payment. This information was imparted to the police, a trap was set, and the men were arrested at the spot where the stolen property was to be returned. Mr. Wood sentenced each of the defendants to six weeks' imprisonment.

DISOBEYING BANISHMENT ORDERS

Four patives were charged at the Police Court yesterday with disobeying orders o banishment. Two of the men who appeared before Mr. J. H. Kemp were sentenced to six months' imprisonment. The third man to appear before the same Magistrate was also harged with a burglary. He was arrested after having broken into a house at Hunghom, and subsequently it was found that he was on old offender. On January 21st, 1907, he was arrested for being a rogue and vagabon d entenced to 14 days' imprisonment and the question the Commissioners possess May of the same year he was again, before the Court, and sentenced to twelve months' hard labour for disobeying the banish_ ment-order. On the 1st May of the following year he was again banished, but turned up again on the 18th of the same month, and went to jail for another six months, after which he was exiled from the Colony again. Yesterday, however, he was found again, and on the charges, being proved, his Worship sent him to jail for this months on the robbery count; and added another twelve months to his sentence for the turning from banishment.

districts in Coina which the N. C. Daily The fourth man, who was charged before Mr. News has recently published give the J. R. Wood was much more fortunateria sentence of only six weeks leing passed upon impression that TUAN FANG, the Chinese Commissioner, was most unduly optimistic

> DANCE AT THE KING EDWARD HOTEL.

Last night Admiral of the Fleet Sir Jame Erskine and Lady Erskine, entertained number of their friends at the King Edward Hotel where a very enjoyable dance was held For this purpose the small dining room was transformed, and made an admirable dancing room. Handsome floral designs and flags draped the walls, the general effect presenting a very pretty appearance under electric light The big to After investigating The charges dining room was used as a supper room, while on the floor above, one of the front drawing rooms was converted into a card room to accoming date those who found more pleasure in a game Board of Punishment has recomof cards than in the dancing hall. Screens of matting draped with flage surrounded the balcony of the first floor, where the dancers say out. Machado's string band provided excellent music, and dancing was continued with zest until an early hour. The artistic decorations were arranged by Mr. Gee, manager of the A hundred years ago, or to be exact, on the hotel, and Signal Boatswain Cubitt and the Signal Staff of H.M.S. Bedford, and those who were present will readily admit that they did their King Edward Hotel.

Among the invited guests were General, Broadwood, Commodore, Mrs. and Miss Lyon, Colonel Darling, Bir Francis and Lady Piggott, the Hon. Mr. F. H and Mrs. May, Sir Henry Berkeley, the Hon. Mr. W. Rees Davies, Captains Erskine. Smith, Nugent and Clinton Baker, Colonel and Mrs. Bayard, Colonel and Mrs. Chamier, Capt. Baron von Mayern Hohenberg, the Hon. Mr and Mrs. W. J. Gresson and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. M. Smith.

Chinese merchant residing at Yaumati IIEEERAMS. ho assisted a lukong in the arrest of a bad character, was commended for his action by Mr.

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LAUNCH OF AN AMERICAN "DREADNOUGHT"

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London, February 7th. The American battleship "Deleware," of the Dreadnought type, has been launched at Newport News. She

will be armed with ten 12-inch guns A GERMAN CHANCELLOR

MURDERED IN CHILE.

LONDON, February 7th. The Chancellery of the German Legation at Santiago, Chile, has been destroyed by fire, and the body of the Chancellor has been found among the He appears to have been

murdered, as his skull was split. The Minister and Secretary had recently received threatening letters.

BRITISH CABINET AND THE NAVAL PROGRAMME.

London, February Sth. The "Daily Chronicle" understands that the differences among the members of the Cabinet with regard to the Naval programme have been adjusted.

The Admiralty established the case for its construction programme, but acknowledged that undue speed in proceeding with the building of the new Dreadnoughts is unnecessary.

Consequently the net increase in the Naval Estimates will not exceed £2,500,000.

The newspapers generally anticipate the laying down of six Dreadnoughts.

FROM THE "CHUNG NGOI SAN PO". A POLICE STATION WRECKED AT WOUSUNG.

SHANGHAI, February 8th. A number of gunners from the Woosung fort quarrelled with a policeman at a theatre, and subsequently soners free.

The shopkeepers of the district are banished on February 3rd. On the 2nd so incensed at the conduct of the gunners that they have closed their shops as a protest.

CHINA'S SLAVES.

PEKING, February 8th. A censor has memorialised the Throne to stop the practice of purchasing girl slaves.

> CHINA'S FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION.

PEKING, February 8th. The Ministry of Finance has resolved to establish Financial Departments in the various provinces of the Empire under the direct control of the Ministry at Peking.

CHAN PIK'S DISMISSAL RE--COMMENDED.

PEKING, February 8th. alleged against Chan Pik, President of the Board of Communications, the mended his dismissal.

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The subscribed capital of the The accumulated funds amount The annual income exceeds The total claims paid by the Company exceed The Hongkong agents are Mesers. Shewan

THE MANILA CARNIVAL.

[PROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

February 4th As one of the local newspapers expresses Manila has capitulated to fun and frolic Business is not taken at all seriously these days and, with or without the holidays being declared the time is given up to merry making and enjoying the spectacular effects provided by the processions and by the many costumed figures on the street. Were it not Carnival time one would experience a shock on seeing a man attired in blazing green and red uniform and wearing a green helmet stalking along the busy Escolta or in meeting a grotesque figure great height and considerable lack of beauty. But in business and in play the American seems to be thorough, and when the Filipinos are also joining in the play with all the joyousness of their light-hearted sunny dispositions it follows that there is little diversity in the realm of amusement over which King Carnival holds sway. How general is this sentiment will be understood when I mention that on the opening night as many as 25,000 paid for admission, but to this number has to be added another 10,000 at least. These figures in themselves will indicate the immense popularity of this Carnival.

The visiting journalists and others from Hongkong are being well looked after. inviting them to become their guests for the event the Carnival Association had in view not merely giving greater publicity to the Carnival itself, but contemplated bringing about a better and Manila. That this result is likely to tion with those of the men on shore they were and if no bigher motives inspire their citizens timate relations which are desirable. Hongkong is a great financial centre to which those in the several junks in the vicinity. Islands look in some degree for assistance in developing the natural resources of the Philippines and reciprocally Hongkong capitalists will find much here to engage their consideration

Now a word about the Carnival itself. Yesterday the event of the day was the procession of floats. These represented various countries following men: and many of them were undoubted works of art. While there was freedom for originality in design and execution they all adhered to the characteristic feature which distinguishes one country from another and the emblems introduced are exceedingly well worked out. The float representing Spain was one of the prettiest in an imposing pageant, and special mention should also be made of Egypt, Tibet Hippodrome at night.

from the colony have been extinguished before the semi-final was reached. Captain Beasley, who had to beat one of his fellow travellers to get into the second round, was vanquished by wrecked the station and set the pri- the American Johnson in the next round by 6-4, 6-1, and Captain Brierley, who had also to overcome another Hongkong player in the first the hands of Mr. R. MacPherson, of the Chartered Bank, formerly of Hongkong, while Mr. Norrie, the former Hongkong champion, defeated Mr. MacPherson in the third. In the doubles Hongkong has had the same ill fortune in the draw, Captain Brierley and Lieut. Bryne having to meet Captain Baird and Commander Campbell in the first round. The former couple won-7-5, 6-1. The only consolation so far is that Norrie is fancied for the winner of the tournament. In Polo Hongkong has had no better luck. The first match yesterday resulted in the victory of the American team by six goals to one. In a measure this result was not un. expected. The visitors found the ponies higher and swifter than those to which they have been accustomed, but still they put up a good game Play was very even and it was not till near the end of the sixth or seventh chukka that the home team obtained the decided lead with which they finished. The teams were:

The English team; 1. Commander Campbell R.N., 2. Lieutenant Crockenden, 3 Major Findley, 4. Lieutenant Green.

The American team; 1. aptain Babcock 1st Cavalry, 2. Lieutenant Adair, 10th Cavalry, 3 Lieutenant Koch. 4. Lieutenant Wainwright. 1st avalry.

In Athletics Hongkong too did not secure

a win. L. t orpl. Andrews, of the Buffs, ran in the quarter mile race last night. His only real opponent was a coloured soldier who rejoices in the name of George Washington He has just secured the championship of the Philippines. The runners got away well and Andrews took the lead but he was displaced in the first lap by the coon The latter was not allowed to hold this advantage and Andrews again came to the front. The excitement became intense as the British soldier, running beautifully, increased his lead and looked like winning, but the stride of the negro brought him alongside and enabled him to breast the tape first about two feet shead of his rival. It was a fine race, and the coloured man deserved his win. Andrews runs again to-night in the half mile race and it is hoped he will manage to pull off a win.

The Cricket Match did not take place yesterday as arranged but will be played on Sunday, when the Hongkong players will also engage in a series of doubles players of the Manila Club and the Athletic Association. The results were given by telegram in our yesterday's issue. - En.]

I have already mentioned the open handed hospitality which is being extended to the visiting journalists. Not only have all the newspaper offices been placed at our disposal but we have received all the courtesies possible. We

have received the open sesame to all the clubs All the factories, institutions, are ready to receive us; and wherever we go there is the same cordial welcome. Yesterday by appointment we met His Excellency Governor-General Smith who received us very cordially and expressed the pleasure he felt at seeing so many journalists from Hongkong and hoped that we would retura with good impressions of Manila. Not only that but he was desirous that we should see something of the Islands and arranged for our making a visit to Baguio, the Simla of the Philippines. In addition he offered us accommodation at the Malacanan, the Governor's Palace. Consequently we left his presence with very happy recollections of a genial old gentleman, a man who blends dignity with typical American breeziness of manner.

THE TYPHOON OF 1908.

REWARDS FOR BRAVERY

A very pleasing and interesting ceremony took place at the Taishan Station of the Kowloon Customs, yesterday, at which thirteen of the Native gigmen were the happy recipients of well-merited honours for life saving and bravery displayed during the Typhoon of 27th July last, off Taishan Station in the Canton River. where upwards of 60 junks either sank or were dashed to pieces on the rocks.

At break of day and during the height of the storm, the men mentioned below, in response to a call from the foreign officers, volunteered for the noble work and put off in the gigs, and so understanding between the cities of Hongkong successful were their efforts that in combinabe achieved there can be little doubt. A instrumental in saving over 150 lives. The closer connection will demonstrate that the first mentioned man displayed exceptional cities have something to gain from each other, gallantry by jumping overboard from a gigwith a line and making it fast to a vessel's mast that alone ought to bring about the more in- which the gig was unable to reach, and by so doing was the means of saving the crews of

The report of this valuable resone work was duly brought to the notice of the Commissioner of Customs, and subsequently submitted to the Canton Viceroy who expressed himself as being much gratified by the success of these efforts. and had much pleasure in bestowing Certificates of Merit conferring Official Buttons on the

Li Chiang-lui-sixth class Button and Merit Certificate. Hu Jung Hu Choo, Chang Ken, Yeh then, Yin Ping, Yeh Yueh, Teng Fu, Li Yu, Huang Mau, Hu K'o, Chung Yun and Huang Ta-eighth class Button and Merit

Certificate.

The Commissioner of Customs, Mr. A. H. HARRIS, in the presence of the assembled . taff made the presentation. He said-It is with and Japan. Dense crowds lived the route of much pleasure that I find myself here this the procession and the popularity of the morning to show the appreciation of H. E. The institution was clearly demonstrated. The Vicercy of the good work performed by the Sports attracted another large crowd to the men of this Station during the Typhoon of July 1908. At that time—the night of July Speaking of Sport reminds me that up till 27-28-there were anchored in the Bey and now Hongkong has been rather unfortunate. neighbourhood several scores of Junks and the In the Tennis singles the representatives loss of life and property among them was very severe. It is for rescue work among these craft that I am now called upon to bestow these Merit Certificates carrying with them Official Buttons on 13 members of the gigmen staff. Under the guidance of Mr. Adamsen the Officer in charge of the station, and inspired by the example and co-operation of the foreign round met the same fate in the next round at staff, many trips-in fact nine in all,-were made to junks in distress and some 60 lives were saved. In risking your lives to save those of men in distress you all proved yourselves worthy followers of one of the finest of callings and you gigmen have shown that the spirit that animates your Western brothes is alive in yourselves. It is the first duty of a sallor to succour those in need at sea and your act on that night compares favourably with those of any other set of men You, Li Chiang-Lin, in swimming off with a line to a wreck and thereby enabling some twelv, men to get saved, are specially to be commended, and the Viceroy has conferred on you a Merit Certificate with Button of the 6th Class. On the others His Excellency has conferred Certificates with Button of the 8th Class, In addition, third class seaman Li is now promoted to the 2nd class. It is with much pleasure that I record the gallant conduct of the Foreign staff who assisted to man the bosts that pulled off to the wrecks showing that you were equally capable of risking your lives as of directing operations from shore. That you would thus act was taken for granted; none of you can be false to the traditions of your native land I have informed the Viceroy of the active part you took in this rescue work and have no doubt that he will take the same favourable notice of your efforts as he has or those of the native gigmen. I thank you all for your good work (which has also been brought to the notice of the Inspector General) and I am sure you will be inspired by this mark of the Viceroy's notice to continue to show yourselves loyal, energetic, and steady men of whom the Service can be proud.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:-On the 8th at 12.05 p.m.—The barometer has risen in Japan, and fallen over hina particu

larly in the North The high pressure area, which has decreased in intensity remains over the Yangtze Valley and pressure is still relative y low over p.E.

Gradients have decreased. Fresh monsoon may be expected in the Formosa Channel and strong monsoon over the China Sea. Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending

at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches. The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:-

N.E. winds Hongkong & Neighbourhood & fresh; cloudy, some rain. South coast of China between Same as No. 1.

Hongkong and Lamocks. Same as No. 1. South coast of China between | Same as No. 1.

Hougkong and Hainan | Same as No. 1.

RANDOM REFLECTIONS.

No-don't ask me which pony is going to win the Derby. I don't know, and I distrust the tipster. It is always the unexpected that Impreus. Did not Signioretta, whom nobody but the owner thought of win the Derby last year, leaving the favourites quite out of the running? And was not the Two Thousand Guineas won by an old cart horse? The only "dead cert" I can give you, my friend, is that in every event next week the first pony home will be the winner.

ing this year that even the most practised hand pects of such disturbing contingencies. But at "spotting the winner" hesitates to do the who knows what the morrow will bring forth? spotting yet. It only needs fine weather next | The idea of every woman demanding the share. week to insure a capital meeting. Yes, of of a husband of course has attractions for some, course, the ladies are praying for fine weather | no doubt, but who will pay the expenses? I feel for they have given out their orders to the | that I'm rather hen-pecked as it is at times, but drossmakers, who are working almost day and if the odds lengthened and I was one against might to fulfill commands. This would be a two. I think I would beat a retreat and like dull season for the dressmakers if there were no Jeffries, the boxer, take on the winner, for there's race meeting.

How many will heave a sigh at the news that the lock Tower, perhaps the most interesting relic that remains of old Hongkong, is to be demolished as soon as the new Clock Tower on the Post Office Buildings is completed. The information is official, and the Vandals who have so long agitated for its removal are at last able to shout "Hip-hip-hip Hurrah!" In 1905, I think it was, there was quite a long and interesting correspondence on this subject in the Daily Press which wound up with a "sermon in stone" three or four columns long, full enough | Captain H. C. Reher of the s.s. Chow Fa for of sentiment to make the angels weep. The hand of the destroyer was stayed. Mathew Nathan could not find it in his heart to resist such a flood of sentiment. The suggestion to remove the tower and put the clock either on the new Law Courts or the Post Office on the waterfront was made in the Daily Press at the time, and evidently the D.P.W. has borne the suggestion in mind. Do you ask when the Post Office will be finished? Ah, that is another story. The Government are following Chinese practice in giving timely notice of the funeral of the old clock tower.

"Whist drives" seem to be getting a tremen dous hold on people at Home. Hongkong whist drives and Bridge parties are not in it. [See an article reprinted in another column-ED.] When I read that prizes to the value of £25 or more are given, it recalled to my mind an interesting conversation I heard not long ago. I say heard and not overheard, for it was in a public place, and everybody knows that avoid her. when some people carry on a conversation there is nothing of the private-and-confidential whisper about it. "I've been awfully puzzled to know what to give as prizes at my Bridge party to-morrow," remarked a lady to the crowd, "but I've just purchased 'Hellespont on Bridge.' think that will make an excellent prize don't you?" The lady on the right agreed, but the others were ominously silent. Perhaps they thought, as I did, that a book of instruction would make an excellent "Booby" prize, but is there not just a possibility that it may strike the winner as a grievous insult?

Burns did not write "Auld Lang Syne." Miss Carrie Nation, the American "saloon smasher" will, I am sure, be delighted to hear it. She has recently been on a smashing campaign in Glasgow. It was just before the Burns celebrations, and she said of them:-" I am told they are given over to drinking, when shame and disgrace are heaped on the memory of that great man. These clubs drink his memory in the rotten slops which ruin poor bairns. The poet was murdered by people who put drink to his lips, yet clubs are organised and perpetuate his name in intoxicating drink." It quite fits in with this to say that it was not Robbie who

"We'll tak' a cup o' kindness yet For the sake of Auld Lang Syne" Was it such considerations as these. I wonder which caused local Scots to refrain from having . A nicht wi' Burns " last month?

Who in the East has not made the acquaintance of aged "new laid" eggs? Everybody, I ween, has met them again and again, and given them the go-by. It should therefore interest everybody to know that a novel process of preserving eggs has been successfully tried in England. The process has been adopted by a firm of Hull importers acting on the theory that an egy decomposes owing to entrance of bacteria through the shell. The shells by the new process are first disinfected and then immersed in a vessel of hot paraffin wax in a vacuum. The sir in the shell is extracted by the vacuum, and atmospheric pressure is then allowed to enter the vessel, when the hot wax is forced into the "pores" of the shell, which thus hermetically seals it. Evaporation of the contents of the eggs, which has a harmful effect, is thereby prevented, and the egg is practically sterile. Some "new-laid" eggs treated in this manner six months ago (the date being guaranteed by attained by any vessel stands to the credit of the Mr. Thomas A. Robinson, J.P., the head of the firm), have been submitted to chemical and microscopic examination by the Daily Mail and fully-manned destroyers attached to the Home China have greatly stimulated the export trade have been found equal to new-laid eggs in every Fleet and on duty in the North Sea. This and adversely affected the import trade, so that respect. The yolk of pickled eggs and others artificially preserved will sometimes break on being peached, but the eggs examined behaved when peached exactly as new-laid ones. The inside of the shell showed under careful examina. tion that the war penetrates through the "pores," the contents being thus quite immune from external influences.

The attention of the Chairman of the P. & O. Company should be drawn to this paragraph. The ships that take home China pigs in their thousands, might fill up with preserved new-laid hen's eggs (of a respectable size) on the outward

In the Assise Court at Singapore: "And your son never goes out at night even though he is 23 years of age ?

"I am afraid he will go astray, so I never let him go out at night."

Quite right, too. It was a young man of this type who formed the subject of that pathetic song entitled: "Does your mother know you're out ?"

What the Duchess of Marlborough says about polygamy following in the footsteps of universal suffrage in England makes me feel quite resigned to spend the evening of life in Hong-Yes, there are so many good ponies in train- kong where at present there are no prossure to be a split in the camp when the prize is

RODERICK RANDOM.

MARINE MAGISTRATE'S COURT

Monday, February 8th.

BEFORE HON, COMMANDER BASIL R. H. TAYLOR, R.N. (MARINE MAGISTRATE).

ALLOWING RUBBISH TO BE DUMPED. Lance Sergeant Sutton proceeded against

allowing rubbish to be thrown from his ship into the harbour. Defendant pleaded not guilty, stating that he

was not on board. The mate told him there was nothing but bilge water thrown overboard. A fine of 31 was imposed, IGNORING THE BULE OF THE ROAD. The master of the unlicensed steam launch

"K 11" was proceeded against for failing to

observe the rule of the road.

Constable Bird stated that when off Kowloon | could come to the conclusion that a gift was Docks on the 4th instant he saw the defendant's launch about 30 yards off steaming north on his port bow. Defendant kept on his course until within about ten yards; then he gave two blasts and attempted to cross the bows of witness launch. By going full speed astern and starboarding his helm witness just escaped collision.

Defendant stated that when he saw the police launch he gave one blast on his whistle and went astorn. He did not see the launch in time to

His Worship imposed a fine of \$20, the alternative being six weeks' hard labour.

AN UNKNOWN TONGUE.

Officials on duty at the Central Police Station charge room last week were greatly perplexed when a sailor who was considerably under the weather, could not be made to understand English. The constable who took him in wished to charge him with being drunk, but Jack could not be made to understand the nature of the charge. He proceeded to address the Inspector on duty in a language which that An American Professor has discovered that officer had not apparently heard before, and which befiled the other men on duty. Inspector Hanson was called to act as interpreter, the police having an idea that the seaman was speaking German. This being disproved by Inspector Hanson, other interpreters were sent for, but questions put in different tongues failed to draw a response from the sailor. Then an English sergeant who had been in Wales told those present that the man was speaking Welsh. A Welsh interpreter was eventually found, and the man was charged.

MISTAKEN FOR A DUTCHM IN

The captain of a coastal steamer, who until yesterday had succeeded in keeping out of the way of a summons which the police took out to serve upon him early in January, appeared before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistracy yesterday on s charge of not having rat phlanges attached to the ropes of his vessel while she was made fast to the wharf.

When evidence had been adduced his Worto say, and the defendant, taking all those in tory which apparently incensed the sergeant cause. who served the summons. "Between ourselves" said the versatile skipper, "my chief officer took the constable who came abound for a Dutchman, and was disgusted to see him wearing the King's uniform, for, as a matter of fact, my officer is a Dutchman himself." The remark brought a smile to all faces but

that of the sergeant, and his Worship imposed a fine of \$10.

WORLD'S SPEED RECORD. ENGINEERING TRIUMPH.

The most remarkable known speed ever new British torpedo-boat destroyer Tartar which 12-pounder guns, and was built by Messrs. John Thornycroft and Co. for a speed of 33 knots. On her office trials she attained a rate of steamwhich use liquid fuel instead of coal.

How to BE BEAUTIFUL-Keep your complexion, Mrs. Ellen's Creme Charmante, Lait Charmant and Special Skin Tonic and Pouder Charmant will enable you to do it. Specialities for the Skin are the study of a lifetime. A. S. Watson & Co. Ltd. Bole Agents.

SUPREME COURT. Monday, February 8th.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION,

BEFORE HIS HONOUR SIR FRANCIS PIGGOTT (CHIEF JUSTICE).

MOTION TO STRIKE OUT A STATEMENT

OF CLAIM

In the action in which Chan Ma Shi was plaintiff, and Fung Wa Chun defendant, Sir Henry Berkeley, K.C., who was instructed by Mr. W. E. L. Shenton (of Messrs, Deacon, Looker and Deacon), moved to strike out the statement of claim on the ground that it showed no reasonable cause of action. Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., who was instructed by Mr. Jackson (of Mesers. Johnson,

Stokes and Master) appeared for the plaintiff.

Sir Henry Berkeley stated that this summons had been adjourned from Chambers into Court, It involved argument principally as to what was a reasonable cause of action, and whether the plaintiffs had a reasonable cause action. He submitted that on the alleged in the statement of claim there was no reasonable cause of action, because there was no cause of action at all against the defendant. Unless the pleadings were amended the statement of claim should be struck out and the action dismissed. Further, he submitted that no amendment which could properly be admitted could be made that should give a of cargo hoats. The suspension in ship and Co., Messrs. Sutherland, Mr. James Knott detinue to recover certificates of shares in companies. The nature of the action important; and it was necessary to bear that last year were small, perhaps not greater than owners present, The gross tonnage represented in mind because of the allegation that no the natural wastage which is estimated at about at the meeting was approximately 1,362,576 tons. cause of action was disclosed in a case of detinue. The plaintiff must on the face of the pleadings, show title in himself. Mr. Pollock, in his pleadings, alleged that these shares had been made a gift to the plaintiff by her husband. That was not a fact. It was bad pleading. It was a conclusion of it is denied), but the peculiarity of the present order to show his bona fide he would send his son constituted in law a gift. There were no facts in this statement of claim from which the Court

required to set out evidence. Why cannot you allege a gift?

Sir Henry Berkeley-Because you cannot plead law. I submit the allegation of a gift is an allegation in law, not an allegation in fact. large exports, which included 8,271,250 tons of them discreetly and without imposing unnecesshad said her husband handed to her certain certificates, that would be a fact from which the Court could assume a gift. Another allegation in the pleadings was to the effect that the shares were I now registered in the husband's name, therefore he was the only person who could be plaintiff to recover these certificates from the defendant. He was not arguing that the plaintiff had no beneficial interest in the property, but he argued that she could not succeed in this action. The statement of claim was bad from certainty as to the articles sought to be recovered. They should have given the specific nature of the property required to be

Mr. Pollock raised the preliminary point that this application was wholly misconceived, and general decline in prices. that as a matter of fact the defendant we altogether out of order, speaking from a legal point of view, in bringing forward this application. He thought it quite sufficient to say in the pleadings that a gift was made. Again, the wife had given to her as part of the gift, a power of attorney which enabled her to transfer these

His Lordship-I must see whether cause of action lies in the four corners of this paragraph Mr. Pollock contended that a gift implied power for the receiver to deal with it. Had the plaintiff a right to sue in detinue? Surely his ristemners belonging to owners not parties to the friend was driven on the horns of one of these dilemmes; either the wife could sue or the husband could sue. Either these shares remained the property of the husband or else they had been given to the wife.

His Lordship-The curious thing is that in paragraph 4 you don't allege a gift. Mr. Pollock-The shares were bought in the first place with her money.

His Lordship said the plaintiff was in fact suing for fresh certificates which on the face of the paragraph in the pleadings it was imship asked the captain whether he had anything possible for her to obtain. Mr. Pollock had put everything he could, but his Lordahin Court into his confidence, told his Worship a be amended. He would make costs in the thought paragraph 3 of the pleadings ought to

THE POSITION OF SILVER.

The meant sharp advance in silver, says almost as sensational as was the fall. Scarcely ket of the metal touching a new low level, but mormal proportions, but that really does not just when this prophecy seemed likely to the seneral condition of shipping. consummated a sudden revival occurred. China of shipping generally it has to be said that the began to buy, and the bears, frightened at the liners are more and more encreaching on the turn affairs had taken, were not slow to help the work that used to be done entirely by "tramps. tracted by the extremely low price, but every- condescend to negotiate for parcels which thing at present points to a further rise.

Mesers. Pirley and Abell say :-has shipped about £220,000 in sycee to London for a meal, and are devouring the substance is commanded by Commander V. E. B. Phil- for sale, yet she has, on the whole, been a conlimore, D.S.O., and is one of the twenty-four siderable buyer. The low exchanges ruling in vessel is of 870 tons displacement, mounts three, the banks have been forced to buy silver as cover for or as a hedge against their exchange operations. Part of these purchases have been shipped to China, but a large amount is still ing equal to 35-36 knots. She has been in the under the control of the China banks. Whother service since April, and now, under war con- this will be re-sold or shipped to China remains ditions, she has beaten this record and ex- to be seen. In addition to her purchases here, cooded 38 knots. She is one of the vessels hine has bought fair amounts in Bombay and has as well received regularshipments amounting to about £1,100,000 from San Francisco, An important feature in the future will be the effect of the prohibition of the import of opium into China, should this result from the recent efforts to suppress the use of this drug. Unless

THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY. UNRELIEVED GLOOM.

pensation was found in homeward cargoes, or more.—The Times Commercial Supplement. vice versa. But in 1908 freights were bad all round, both outward and homeward. Ton or twelve years ago there were lower rates in some | held last month in the Guildhall, Newcastle, to

TONNAGE LAID UP. The supply of tonnage affeat was unprecedented, but until nearly the end of the year there was actual employment for most of it, because of the enormous volume of ocean trade to be carried a traffic which did not begin to decline until some time after the financial crisis in America. Messrs. Furness, Withy, and Co., Messrs. And we remarked that shipowners were finding | Weidner, Hopkins, and Co., Messrs. J. L. at the end of the year, comfort in the Browne and Co, (of Sunderland), Messrs. Pyman, almost total suspension of the building Bell and Co., Messrs. Adam, Messrs. Dalgleish cause of action. This action was an action for building has continued, and 1908 has been (the Prince Line), Messrs. Cairns, Noble, and Co., a dead year for that industry; but this has Messrs. Sutton and Co. Messrs. Tully, Mr. R. brought no relief to shipping, that is as yet. Temperley (representing the White Sea and The additions to the world's merchant fleets | Baltic conferences). There were over 100 ship-800,000 tons per annum. And the laying up of The value of this tonnage was approximately vessels has been going on all the year until now | £11,000,000. it is computed that not less than 1,250,000 tons | The Chairman said that they had endeavof British shipping are lying in idleness waiting oured to get the chairman of the Shiptill the clouds roll by. It is said that in some owners' Association to preside, but he had former bad years larger numbers of idle vessels given a very good reason why he could not be have been counted in the Tyne and the lyde, present. At the same time he stated that the at Hull and at Cardiff. That may be so (though | movement had his full support, and that in inactivity is that so many British vessels are laid to represent him. The shipowners approached up in foreign and Colonial ports; because it the question with a full knowledge of the diffiinvolved less loss to keep them there than to culties that confronted them; but if they were bring them home at the freights obtainable, determined that a working practical scheme But in any case, 12 million tons is a large slice | should be instituted, these difficulties were not to take off of the active tonnage, and it is very insoluble. It was not so much the over-produc-His Lordship-In pleadings you are not significant that it has had practically no effect tion of tonnage as the lack of enterprise that on the freight markets. It may, or may not was causing this unprecedented depression in have prevented them from going lower, but it shipping. Already there were between 12 and has certainly not raised them.

COAL SHIPMENTS AND FREIGHTS. business in foodstuffs and raw material. But in having a freight that would protect them against 1908 we exported 1,000,03 tons of coal, 100,000 loss. tons of iron, and 200,000 tons of machinery less than in 1907 and our imports of raw material the year of "frenzied freights." He said that

EFFECT OF KEEN COMPETITION. Esstern trade, but they were darkened by the together at great centres like Cardiff, and short crops and by the over supply of tonnage. to make progress in the direction of an There were better hopes of Argentina, whose international union of shipowners of the United crops exceeded all records, and whose exports | Kingdom and the western shores of Europe. more than realized expectations. But here Such a union would prevent the malpractices of again the while was spoilt by over-competition. For a time the outward rates were fairly good, the iniquities of charterers. He moved :- "That but by the time the boats got out the homeward rates were borne down by the flocking in of vessels from all quarters seeking charters. An attempt at a combination was made in order to raise the homeward rates for September shipments, but it was not large enough. sereement sailed in and scooped up the cargoes at rates which the vessels lying there were after. wards compelled to accept—when they were not made to take something lower. The Plate trade, indeed, which promised so brilliantly at one time; has been one of the worst of the year; but still worse, perhaps, has been the Mediterranean trade. First there was a rush of vessels outwards at auction coal rates in the race to catch homeward cargoes from Eastern Europe. Then when the Mediterranean was overrun with vessels waiting and seeking freights, there was an advance in outward coal rates to secure which many steamers hurried home in ballast, though the owners knew there was nothing to be got to shipowners did not vote. bring them home next time. Naturally business of that sort leaves a balance on the wrong side of the ledger, but some owners seemed to refer it to laying up their vessels. For a time there were some profitable rates obtainable for wheat cargoes home from Australia, but that business also was quickly swamped by the offers of excess tonnage."

LINERS AND TRAMP STEAMERS London contemporary of the 15th ult., has been | The general cargo trade between this country and the Colonies as conducted by the liners a month ago there was talk in the bullion many has been fairly good, though if anything under upward movement with "covering" orders. A liner will now run off her course into a port fair proportion of the buying has, no doubt, with which formerly she would not have acknowbeen on the part of speculators who were st- ledged even a bowing acquaintance, and will viously she would not have glanced at. They are so big. these liners, and their appetites are Though China has at times been a seller, and so huge, that they will go anywhere nowadays of the harmless and necessary "tramp." This is ead enough for the "tramp"; but it is well not to forget that it is not so long ago that the "tramp" obtruded himself on the course of the liner wherever and whenever he could find an opening. It is a case of the tables turned.

CAPITAL DEPERCIATION AND PROSPECTS. It would serve no good purpose to institute a comparison of freights with 1907, especially as that was an abnormal and irregular year. But the average of the year is below that of any recent previous year. It is a melancholy fact that, great as was the depreciation in the value of new shipping in 1907. It depreciated at least 10 per cent. further in 1908. But what has been the actual depreciation in second-hand tonnage it is almost impossible to estimate, as some forced sales have been reported at almost

With regard to the immediate future, there are some hopes of improvement, mainly as a consequence of the larger crops in India, America, and Australia, and in the expectation By a general consensus of opinion in the that the River Plate will have at least as much shipping trade, 1908 is declared to have been to export as last season. But there are no real the worst year in living memory. This seems a signs of relief, whereas there are some depressing bold statement to make, but if there are dissentichts we have not yet met them. It is faint hope that freights may begin to get better perfectly true that in some past years freights in the spring, but others have no hope of any have been lower in some directions, but on improvement at all before the middle of 1909. previous occasions, when one market has been and in most quarters, we should say, the belief bad, partial relief has been found in another; is entertained, if it is not expressed, that we or when outward freights were very low com- have to face at least another bad year, if not A SHIPOWNER'S INTERNATIONAL UNION.

An important meeting of shipowners was directions; in ten or twelve years ago coal was | consider the serious crisis which at present exists two or three shillings per ton cheaper, there was | throughout the shipping industry, and to no Workmen's Compensation Act, and the promote the formation of an international union general average size of steamers was smaller. of shipowners. The primary objects of this Thus on an even lower range of freights than union will be the regulation of the supply of now shipowners could then make ends meet, tonnage to the demand, and the general and perhaps a little more, whereas now they are | furtherance of shipping interests. The meeting was convened by Mr. Leonard Macarthy, of Newcastle, Sir Walter Runeiman was in the Now, of 1907 we remarked that it closed as chair, and there was a large and representative dismally and hopelessly as it opened brightly gathering of shipowners present. Among and hopefully, but that, badly as it closed, it the firms represented were the Clapham was not altogether a bad year for shipping. Steamship Company, the Northumberland , Shipping Corporation, Messrs. Scott Brothers, the Swan Line (Limited), Messrs. Tyzack and Branfoot (of Sunderland), Messrs. C. M. and J. J. Forster, Messrs. Nelson, Donkin, and Co., Messrs. John Morrison and Son,

two millions of tons lying idle, and the drop in dividends this year was estimated at from 25 to How is this explained? In 1907 extra employ- 30 millions of pounds. The shipping industry ment was provided for shipping by our own had vast powers at its command, but it must use coal, 484,166 tons of iron, and 100,000 tons of ary hardships on other traders. What they machinery more than in the previous year, asked was that they should be paid a living besides largely increased quantities of manu- freight. They wished to avoid doing anything factured products and an enormous import arbitrary to other trades, but they insisted upon

Mr. Macarthy gave details in respect of 1907 decreased with the decline in industries. It was they were short of a living freight by only in the later months, however, that the ship- £23,500,000. Then there was the question of ments of coal began to fall off, and it is notable despatch money, in order to get as many voyages that the coal exports have been well maintained in the year as possible. He had estimated that in a year of bad trade everywhere by the low between £1,000,000 and £2,000,000 had been range of freights. Shipowners have kept up paid by the general body of shipowners for our export trade by carrying it at a loss (for it despatch. They could only remedy the evil by is admitted that in many cases the coal freights unity. On the Continent there was a growing kinds. As compared with December, 1906, the would barely cover working expenses), while feeling that some one should take the lead in unfortunately they had to sacrifice their profit uniting the shipping elements. The keystone 22,161,000, and the British export total in paying for the increased cost of bunker coal. of the present position, he thought, was a scheme At any rate, that was the case in the earlier part on the lines of the Baltic and White Sea of the year, for coal was tardy in following the conference. What they wanted was that this conference, which met at Copenhagen, should extend its scope and have a larger repre-There were early in the year hopes in the sentation. They wanted to get the shipowners speculation brokers, the tricks of merchants, and this meet ng of shipowners of the North-East coast is strongly of opinion that it is most desirable and necessary to promote the formation of an international union of shipowners, having for its primary object the regulation in times like the present of the supply of tonnage to the demand, and the general furtherance of the interests of the shipping industry, and for the purpose of advancing this cause. Mr Leonard Macarthy is hereby authorized to interview the shipowners in other parts of the United Kingdom and on the Continent, and to report before another meeting to be held here at. later date. The following shipowners are hereby appointed as a local committee:-Measrs. . M. Forster, J. Knott, junior, John W Morrison, W. J. Noble, A. Scholefield, A. M Sutherland, R. M. Sutton, J. E. Tully, L. Macarthy, with power to add to their number." A vote being taken, 32 voted for the resolution and one against, but a large number of

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The I.G.M. str. Luctzow left Shanghai on Saturday the 6th instant at 9 p.m., and may be expected here to-day at 8 a.m. The C. & M. str. Zafiro left Manila on the 7th inst. evening, and is due here on the 10th

inst. at daylight. The Apear str. Japan from Yokohama. Kobe and Moji left Moji on the 6th instant, and may be expected here on or about morning the 11th

The P. & O. str. Palawan left Singapore for this port on the 7th instant at 7 a.m., and is due here on the 13th instant at about noon.

The M.M. str. Tourane with the French Mail of the 17th ultimo, and mails from London of the 16th ultimo left Singapore on the 8th inst. at 5 p.m., and may be expected to arrive here on Monday morning the 15th inst. and will leave for Shanghai and Japan on the same afternoon

COST OF LIVING.

A housewife in the Federated Malay States sends (to the Sydney Bulletin) her personal experience " for the benefit of B. Smith and the gentlemen who say that under Free Trade of course things must be cheaper ":---

I have always kept thorough account of expenses. In Australia we lived on £150 per annum; but in the Federated Malay better, than those of 1907, they will still be States I could not manage to make ends materially below the level of 1906. It seems meet on £330, even with the greatest care, hardly possible that the income-tax receipts Although this is a Free Trade country (the only for 1909-10, so far as they depend on foreign dutiable articles being spirits and opium), the only things which are cheaper here than in year, on the basis of the existing arrangements Her the import of other commodities should greatly incredible prices. Thus shipowners have not A few people try to live on the last two. Then foreign trade of the past year has shrunk apincrease, it would seem probable that China will only, as a rule, lost on their year's operations, somebody has to pay for a funeral; and funerals preciably, a reduced income-tax revenue seems but also on the capital value of their invest are most expensive here.

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54-11 BRITAIN'S FOREIGN TRADE IN 1908.

The Trade and Navigation Accounts for

December, which also contain those for the whole year 1908, show that the imports for the month were £56,833,000, an increase of £841,000 and the exports of British produce £29,402,000 a decrease of £3,340,000. The slight increase in the imports is entirely due to arrivals of more cereals and meat; the greater part of the diminution in the exports is represented by the decrease in "articles "wholly or mainly manufactured," amounting to £3,308,000, of which smaller £2,008,000. The imports the year were £593,131,000, a decrase of £52,667,000 on 1907, and £14,748,000 on 1906. The British exports were £377,220,000, a decrease £48,816,000 on 1907, and an increase of £1,64,000 on 1906. It must be remembered that 190 was an exceptional year, with extraordinaril large movements of commodities, and, for many articles, higher prices; and the results of the trade of 1908 are, therefore, less unsatisfactory, on the whole, than the large decrease as compared with 1907 would suggest. Too much importance has been given to these foreign trade statistics in connexion with the fiscal question. Even a blind believer in free trade quand même might, we should have thought have realized that the mere expansion of import and export figures, of which so much was made by the Ministerialists during 1905.7 when the trade of the whole world was increasing by leaps and bounds, was at best a very imperfeet indication of the economic progress of any country. We may remark that the tariff reform movement suffered to some extent, soon after its commencement, through the incautious way in which the comparatively unfavourable foreign trade returns of 1901-2 were treated as evidence of the bad economic position of the United Kingdom, Tariff references found it somewhat difficult to reply to their opponents gibes on this subject when imports and exports began expanding again under the influence of the normal cyclic movement, which had been foreseen by impartial experts. The jubilation of aunthinking free traders has suffered a similar check during the past year, which shows how unwise it is for politicians to press into their service weapons which are double-edged. There is another aspect of the returns

for. 1908. however, which is worth attention: we refer to the indications which they afford, when taken in connexion with known facts respecting the state of industry and commerce, as to the probable course of foreign trade in 1909. The omens, if not as black as a hasty examination might suggest, are not favourable to the view that there will be a material expansion during the coming year, It will be as much as can be hoped if, as is suggested by the signs supplied by the foreign trade figures for December, the very heavy reduction which was shown in each month of 1908 is not to be repeated in 1909. The best judges are of opinion that trade is not likely to become sotive until the carrent year is well advanced, even if then. From the point of view of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who will need to raise fresh taxes in addition to those now in force, this is a very serious matter. Some diminution in the volume of the imports as compared with 1908 is not improbable, and Mr. Lloyd-George cannot afford to be confronted with the decrease in Customs receipts which would accompany it. Exports are, we think, even more certain to continue to fall off. during the first part of the year at any rate, though not at so rapid a rate as in 1908. As regards cotton goods the exports may perhaps to be expected to increase a little, owing to the improvement in the Indian demand, but even if the shipments should be no worse, or a triffe trade, can be higher than those for the current

fairly certain

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

TOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL. Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 20th day of February, 1909, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1908.

By Order of the Court of Directors, J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 9th February, 1909.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

informed that their Goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godownstof the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and West Point Godowns, whence delivery may be

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All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 13th Febr. at 9.30 A.M. All Claims must reach us before the 18th Febr. or they will not be recognized.

undersigned. NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

MELCHERS & Co., General Agents. Hongkong, 6th February, 1909.

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NOTICE.

THE ELECTRIC TRACTION COM PANY OF HONGKONG LTD. Hereby Give Notice that under Section 7 of Ordinance, No 10, of 1902, they intend to apply to His Excellency the Governor Council for permission to construct and maintain a loop 112 yards in length-commencing at the junction of Connaught Road West and Des Voeux Road West, thence proceeding along Connaught Road West in an Easterly direction to Hill Bond, thence in a Southerly direction along Hill Road West to Des Voeux Road West and terminating in Des Vonx Road West at a point near the South West corner of Marine Lot No. 289, the whole being so arranged as to facilitate the transfer of the Cars from the West-bound line to the Eastbound line without proceeding to the existing terminal loop at Kennedy Town.

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THE KOWLOON LAND & BUILDING COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, THIS DAY (TUES-DAY), the 9th Feb., 1909, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts

for the year ending 31st December, 1908. The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNES-DAY, the 3rd February, to TUESDAY, the 9th February, (both days inclusive) during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary to the HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY Co., LTD.,

Agents for the KOWLOON LAND & BUILDING CO., LTD. Hongkong, Jth February, 1909.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

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Chief Manager. Hongkong, 5th February, 1909. HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOC!

COMPANY, LIMITED. NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of the Company, Queen's Buildings, New Praya, from F. Schwarzkopf, Esq., to Sell by on MONDAY, the 22nd February, 1909, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 22nd February, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors,

THOS. I. ROSE. Secretary. Hongkong, 28th-January, 1909.

THE YANGTSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LIMITED.

CHARE CERTIFICATE No. 4/448 representing 8 Shares of THE YANGTSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LIMITED, registered in the name of HOW CHONG (夏昌) has

been declared to be LOST. This is to Give Notice that if the abovementioned Certificate be not presented at this Office within One Month from Date, a New Certificate will be issued in place thereof. By Order of the Board of Directors,

W. S. JACKSON, Secretary. No. 26, The Bund, Shanghai,

13th January, 1909. GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

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SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers. Hougkong, 3rd February, 1909.

INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1909.

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND SATURDAY (OFF-DAY); 16TH, 17TH, 18TH AND 20TH FEBRUARY.

FIRCKETS of ADMISSION to the GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE may be obtained from Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, LD., or at the Gate. Price S7 for the Meeting (excluding the Off-Day), or \$3 per day. Tickets for the Off-Day, \$2.

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Clerk of the Course. Hongkong, 8th February, 1909.

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Clerk of the Course Hougkong, 8th February, 1909.

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Hongkong, 8th February, 1909. HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

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T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course. Hongkong, 8th February, 1909.

INTIMATIONS

NOTICE.

IN the Goods of CHARLES JOHN FARROW, deceased. ALL CLAIMS against the estate of the late Mr. C. J. FARROW should be forwarded to the undersigned at H.B.M. Consulate, Amoy, before March 15th,

> LANCELOT GILES, Official Administrator.

Amoy, 5th February, 1909. DEVONIAN SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL DEVONIAN DINNER will be held at the Hongkong Hotel SATURDAY, 13th February, 1909, at 8 o'clock P.M. DEVONIANS wishing to attend are requested

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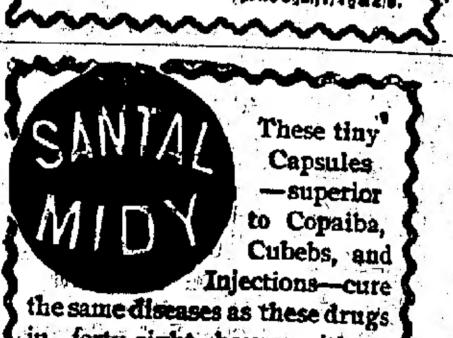
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A short time ago a witness in the Supreme Court was not permitted to swear in the Scottish fashion whereby the oath is administered by the witness holding up the right hand. The following letter which appears in a recent issue of The Times over the signature of Colonel Henry Mapleson is an interesting comment on the custom of "Kissing the book":-

case. The Book which was handed her to kiss was dirty and ill-smelling. Some days after the and other expenses, those who run the drives lady in question was troubled with a rash on must find them both pleasant and remunerative. BY OUR ALL STAR COMPANY. itch and he felt no hesitancy in declaring it to in these drives. Of course, the winners of good the foul Testament she had been compelled to empty-handed apparently feel that in spite of kiss at the Court. It took two months to cure bad cards—and sometimes worse partners—they the ailment, and during this time the prime have had sufficient amusement for their money. to fulfil professional engagements. Ever since the science of preventing disease became a serious study a tention has been drawn to the danger and risks which witnesses run in kissing Court Testaments. Even a casual inspection of these books is sufficient to reveal their horribly grimy condition and a micros-THE MARVELLOUS FRANTZ TROUPE. copical examination would undoubtedly reveal a state of things too disgusting to contemplate. The late Judge Pitt-Taylor is reported to have stated that he considered the practice of kissing the Book as insanitary, repulsive, and absolutely unnecessary; and he advocated, in language not less emphatic, that the older ceremony of laying the hand on the Testament should be reverted to.

"Not long ago it was proved that a witness suffering from a virulent contagious disease of the lips was allowed by a High Court Judge to kiss the Book: and although there was a talk of drawing the attention of Parliament to the matter, nothing has been done to remedy the

"Why not adopt in this country the Scottish system whereby the oath is administered by the witness holding up the right hand when taking the ordinary oath!

"I remember about five years ago, during an epidemic of smallpox in London, that the High Court Judges had notices issued informing witnesses of their right to be sworn in the Scottish form in accordance with the provisions of the Oaths Act. Kissing the Book is unknown in fontinental countries, where the old English form is used as laying the hand upon an open Bible whilst repeating the words, I swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, excepting in France, where the same formula is used, but a witness holds up his right hand instead of touching the

"Witnesses in English Courts should take the law in their own hands and refuse to kiss filthy and unclean books, rather than run the risk of catching a cutaneous disease something worse.

> A CITY IN THE GRIP OF WHISTITIS.

TRAGI-COMEDY OF THE GREAT YORK DRIVE. A York correspondent wrote last month as

follows to a London paper:her seat at the great whist drive to-night.

she said. Her partner young Mr. W. from only equal man, but surpass him. When that Messrs. X's, the grocer's looking very natty in arrives, man will take on the characteristics of evening dress, with a scarlet handkerchief shin- oppressed woman. He will become servile. He ing like the ace of hearts against his spotless will cringe and try to carry favour with powershirt-front, smiled with gentle melancholy.

of the cards, until, the king of spades having pay off old scores, the accumulation if the centu-been played, the lady plucked the king of the ries, but, mercifully. M. Bernard draws a veil diamonds from her hand, slapped it on the table, over this painful prospect. Finally, Anatole and cried triumphantly, "Snap!"

assisted him away. The whist fever is growing steadily worse. It balance against woman. And he speaks of has spread from York to the neighbouring masculine arrogance and ferocity and brutality,

suburbs. Dinners are hurried through, omni- A bad lo evidently. The last hope of the sex buses chartered, and the family hastens to the is gone. exhibition hall. 1,500 PLAYERS.

night, and there have been nearly 1,500 players. it merely the veil of lies spun by the adversary The good people of York have already spent to impede the progress of Eve Victorious?

more than £150 on playing whist, and by the Your opinion, roader.—Paris Correspondent of end of the week £500 or more will have been the Pall Mall Gazette. realised for the Lord Mayor's unemployed fund. The rooms themselves are a fascinating study. Never before have so many types of card-players been gathered under one roof.

There is the nervous player, who fidgets with his moustache and draws out his cards with tremulous hesitation; the grim player who frowns heavily; the expert player who argues after each game with a string of endless "ifs"; the excitable player who thumps his cards down with a "beat-that-if-you-can" air; and, lastthe truth must out—the player who can't play at all, and simply gets rid of all the aces in her or his hand, and trusts to luck.

Silence broods over the hall from the moment of the ringing of the bell. You may see men with white ribbons on their coats. They are ladies for the purpose of the game, so there is a shortage of remining players. Keen-eyed stewards walk about the rooms

ready to settle knotty points. There was, for instance, the problem of the elusive ace to-night which will go down to posterity as an unsolved mystery. The andisputed facts are that four people started a game, and at the finish found that they had been playing with fifty-one cards. An ace had vanished.

ACE MISSING. Stewards searched the chairs and tables and counted the cards. Where was the ace? Every one looked guilty. The chief steward arrived on the scape and counted the cards again. Lo! there were fifty-two! Four players looked guiltier than ever. Dark rumours in

But there are more comedies than tragedies. There is the achievement of the buxom lady who THE WORKS are well equipped with their Goods from alongside. trumped her partner's card unnecessarily with LATEST PLANTS and APPLI-

There is the case of the young lady who WORK. was under the impression that she did not have to follow suit A new crop of diseases has sprung up from

the Yorkists playing whist for four hours a night. There are the whist thumb, a stiffening specially built for SALVAGE PURPOSES of the joint caused by holding the cards faushape; the whist eye, which sees spots dancing, Short Notice. before it spots which take the shape of hearts. diamonds, clubs, and spades; but worst of all is the fell fever whistitis, which has gripped the city like a plague.

WHIST DRIVES IN LONDON. York is not the only place in which the public whist drive is popular. In most of the suburbs of London nearly every large room svailable for the purpose is now used as the wenue of a whist drive at least once a week, and

som, times more often. Occas onally hundreds of persons take part in one of these contasts. As a rule, the prizes are worth having. Sometimes the first prize is a piane, and on these creasions a large number of players invariably face the music. Last week, in a couth London subure, a case of cutlery said by the management to be worth £25 was

the principal prize, and there were about 600 competitors. "Sir,—A very eminent prima donna (who is somewhat, but as a rule each competitor pays at present under engagement to me, but whose 1s. for his or her ticket and 2d. for cloak-room name I purposely withhold for fear that this accommodation. The refreshments strictly letter might be regarded as an advertisement) confined to coffee lemonade, and confectionery was recently subponced as a witness in a law during the intervals—also add to the profits. Even when every allowance is made for prizes

her mouth and chin, which finally affected her The absence of the gambling spirit is a marked throat. The doctor pronounced it a malignant feature in all or nearly all those who take part have been transmitted to his patient through prizes are delighted, but people who go away

THE HONESTY OF WOMAN.

IS IT LESS THAN MAN'S? "Are women less honest than men?" This palpitating question has become one of the great subjects of discussion in Paris, thanks to a symposium in La Revue the bi-monthly publication so eleverly conducted by M. Jean Finet, The list of people appealed to is formidable prominent men and women writers.

There is not one dares openly to affirm that woman is dishonest, but some show a disposition adopt that line of argument so common in English courts: "I am not guilty; but if I . . " In this case, it is all the fault of the men. If woman does not tell the truth, if she equivocates, is she is sly, if she is not "square" then the offence must be laid at the door of the other sex. Man made her so, because he kept her down with long years of

The lord of creation has a "mauvaise presse," I remark. Masculine writers give their brothers away without the least shame or compunetions. Hardly any one has a good word to say for the dethroned, or partially dethroned, tyrant. Did any one ever whisper in the secreey of his liberary, or, fortified by the presence of other males in the smoking room, that woman did not always "play the game," there is no suggestion of it here. The awe of the Suffragettes is over all, or, at least, the fear of Féminisme, which is quite the same thing. You may be a Feminist and think nothing of the vote, and you may not admire Pankhurst methods in the least.

FEMININE DOMINANCE. This inquiry amongst the intellects of France is striking enough. Not a one but says the enfranchisement of the sex is necessary for the full realisation of the highest human ideals. The more scientific the spirit in which this question is examined, the more positive the reply, the more favourable to woman the verdict. There is no question of gallautry in it. Max Nordau, who wrote "Degeneration," and inveighs so ceaselessly against the conventional falsehood, declares that social morality is entirely the work of woman. She created it, she developed it, she guards it. The only thing to fear in case of feminine domination, he thinks, is an exaggerated Puritanism, with all that it implies of apparent respectability and hidden vice.

SERVILE MAN. well-known society woman, the Duchess d'Uzès, asks, whether man and woman-both of The lady whose fair, frizzy hair bristled with them-do not make up the human race. Then pale blue bows simpered girlishly as she took there is Tristan Bernard, famous as the author of "Toddles" and other delightfully amusing "I am airaid I am an awfully bad player," plays. He is paradoxical. Woman will not ful feminity, which is ne longer feminine. Wo-The smile continued all through the dealing man will be the top-dog, and, I suppose, will France, the master of contemporary French He never smiled again and the stewards literature, questions whether man is so virtuous that he should desire to weigh himself in the

And so woman according to the judgment of Paris-is not more dishonest than man. The committee have added another room to- Whence sprang that logend that she was? Is



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This vessel brings on Cargo :-From London, &c., ex s.s. "China." From Calcutta, ex s.s. " Borneo." From Persian Gulf, ex B. I. S. N. and B. & P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers. Optional Goods will be landed here unless

instructions are given to the contrary within 6 hours. Goods not cleared by the 10th inst., at 4 P.M. will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance will be effected by me

in any case whatever. Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT Superintendent. Hongkong, 4th February, 1909.

FROM EUROPE. THE H.A.L. Steamship

CONSTANTIA Captain Habel, having arrived Consignees of Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed at Consignees risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hong-, A LARGE STOCK of MATERIALS is kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ld., and stored at Consignees' risk and expense. All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date

they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 12th inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 11th inst., at 3 P.M. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, Hongkong Office. Hongkong, 5th February, 1909.

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R.N., Hongkong. Bramble, gunboat 710 tons, 900 i.h.p. Lient.-Comdr. Hon. R. O. B. Bridgeman, Britomart, gunboat, 710 tons, 900 h.p., Lieut.

Comdr. F. B. Noble, Shanghai. Cadmus, British sloop, 1,070 tons, Comdr. H. L. P. Heard, Shanghai. Chernb, water tank and tug, 390 tons, 300 i.h.p. Master S. West, Hongkong. Clio, British sloop, 1,070 tons, Comdr. C. T. Borrett, Shanghai

Fame, torpedo-boat destroyer, 310 tons, 6 guns, 5,700 h.p., Lieut-Comdr. Gresson, Hongkong. Flora, 2nd class cruisor, 4,360 tons, 10 guns, 7.000 i.h.p., Capt. Roland Nugent, Hongkong. landy, torpedo-boat destroyer 275 tons, 6 guns,

4,000 h.p., Lieut. Comdr. B. J. D. Gny, V.C., Hongkong. Hart, torpedo-boat destroyer, 275 tous 6 guns, 4,000 h.p., Lieut,-Comdr. G. C. Dickens, Hongkong. Janus, torpedo-hoat destroyer, 280 tons, 6 guns,

3.900 h.p., Lt, Comdr. C. A. Freemantle, Hongkong Kent, 1st class emiser, 9,800 tons, 14 guns, 22,000 i.h.p., Capt. G. C. A. Marescaux Hongkong?

King Alfred, 1st class cruiser, Flag ship of Vice-Admiral the Hon. Sir Hedworth Lambton, Commander-in-Chief, 14,100 tons, 18 gans, 30,000 i.h.p. Capt. L. Clinton-Baker, Hongkong. Kinsha, river gunboat, 616 tons, Lieut.-Comdr. T. J. S. Lyne, Yangteze,

Merlin, surveying ship, 1,070, tons, 6 guns, 1,400 i.h.p. Comdr., F. H. Walter, Hongkong. Monmouth, craiser, 9,800 tons, Capt. G. W. Smith, Hongkong. Moorhen, river gunboat, 180 tons, 2 guns, Lieut.-Conidr, C. C. Walcott. Hongkong.

Nightingale, river gunboat, 85 tons, 240 k.p. Lieut.-Comdr. R. S. Roy, R.N., Yangteie. Otter, torpedo-boat destroyer, 385 tons, 6 guns, 6,300 i.h.p., Hongkong. Robin, river gunboat, 85 tons, 2 guns, 240 h,p., Lieut. Comdr. J. White, West River. Sandpiper, river gunbent, 85 tons, 2 guns, 240

h.p., Lient.-Comdr H. R. Tickell, West Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Snipe, river gunboat, 85 tons, 2 guns 240 h.p., Lieut-Comdr. Alan Dixon, Yangtsze. Taku, torpedo boat destroyer Gunner Barlow, Hengkong.

Tamar, receiving ship, 4,600 tons, 6 guns, Commodore Lyon, Hongkong. Teal, river gunboat, 180 tons, 2 guns, Lieut, Comdr. H. R. Godfrey, Yangteze. Thistle, gunboat, 710; tons, 900 h.p., Lieut,

Comdr. H. T. Attlay, Yangtee. Virago, torpedo-boat destroyer, 395 tons, 6 guns, 6,300 i.h.p., Commander. Stevenson, Hongkong. Waterwitch, surveying ship, 620 tons, 450 i.h.p.

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Woodcock, gunboat, 150 tons, 2 guns, 550 kp. Lieut. Comdr. H. R. V. Cottrell Dormer, Yangteze.

Woodlark, ganboat, 150 tons, 2 guns, 550 h.p. Lieut. Comdr. G. R. Livingstone, Yangteze.

EHTPPING.

ARRIVALS. CHENAN, British str., 1,350, Brown, 8th Feb .-Shanghai 5th Feb., General-Butterfield & Swire.

ESANG, British str., 8th Feb.—Canton. GLENOGLE, British str., 2,399, W. T. Larkins, 8th Feb. Singapore 2nd Feb., General-

Knivsberg, German steamer, 646, D. Henk, 8th Feb.-Hoihow 6th Feb. General-Jebson & Co. Kwongsang, British str., 1,428, W. P. Baker, 8th Feb.—Shanghai 3rd February, General

_Jardine, Matheson & Co. MANILA, German str., 1,108, J. Minssen, 7th February-Sydney 13th January, General --- Melchers & Co.

MISHIMA MARU, Jaranese str., 5,270, A. E. Moses, 8th Feb. Shanghai 5th February, LONDON &c., VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL General-Nippon Yusen Kaisha. PATRIA, Portuguese gunboat, 700, Commander ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c ...

Jayun Affreive, 8th Feb. - Mucao, SIGNAL, German str., 940, G. Schlaikier, 7th HARVE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c. Feb.—Saigon 2nd Feb., Rice—Jebsen & Co. MARSEILLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL SUNGKIANG, British str., 987. G. H. Penne- MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c. father, 8th Feb.-Iloilo 3rd Feb., Sugar- MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN Butterfield & Swire.

THE ATLATIAN, Dutch str., 3,859, P. J. v. Emmerick, MARSEILLES & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c...... 8th Feb.-Java 31st January, General- | MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c. Java-China-Japan Lijn.

Turpanas, Dutch str., 2,444, A. W. La Rooy, 8th Feb.-Batavia 27th Jan., General-Java-China-Japan Lijn.

CLEARANCES. AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE. 8th February. Kwongsang, British str., for Canton. Triumph, German str., for Haiphong.

DEPARTURES. 8th February. HONGBER, British str., for Amoy. JOHANNE, German str., for Swatow. LIANGCHOW, Bsitish str., for Canton. SUISANG, British str., for Singapore. TAIWAN, British str., for Canton. VAN HOORN, Dutch str., for Macao YEBOSHI MARU, Japanese str., for Kobe.

SHIPPING REPORTS. The Brit. str. Kwongsang reports: Moderate to fresh N.E. monsoon moderate sea cloudy fine weather.

The British str. Glenogle reports: Fresh N.N.E. gale North of Paracels, thick drizzling rains and light fog on approaching Hongkong strong monsoon wind N.E. by N.S. of Paracels.

VESSELS IN DOCK. February 8th.

ABERDEEN DOCK .-KOWLOON DOCK .- H.M.S. Whiting, Tarlac, Taishun, Kwong Yuen, H.M.S. Flora, Bangkok, Minas de Batan. COSMOPOLITAN DOCK.—Haiyang.

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THE Steamship

"ISCHIA." Captain Belsito, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 12th inst., at Noon. For further particulars regarding Freight and Passage, aprly to CARLOWITZ & Co.,

Agents. Hongkong, 3rd February, 1909. THE AMERICAN AND ORIENTAL LINE.

FOR BOSTON AND NEW YORK. (With Liberty to Call at the Malabar Coast.)

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THE Steamship

" BRITANNIA.' 8. Barcham, carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for Bombay, &c., on SATURDAY, the 20th February, at NOON, taking passengers and cargo for the above ports in connection with the Company's s.s. "MOOLTAN," 10,000 tons, from Colombo, passengers accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure

from Hongkong. Silk and Valuables, all cargo for France and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into the mail steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London, other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay by the R.M.S. "EGYPT" due in London on the 2nd April, 1909. Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The contents

and value of all packages are required. For further particulars, apply to E. A. HEWETT. Superintendent.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1909. REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE

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FOR NEW YORK. S.S. "SURUGA" About 23rd Febr. For Freight and further information, apply to DODWELL & Co., Lid.,

Agents. Hongkong, 28th January, 1909,

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To ascertain the anchorage of any Vessels, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections common sing from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked "k." nearest Hongkong "h" midway between Hongkong and Ko vloon "m," and those vessels berthed at the Kowleon Whar! "k.w." together with the number denoting she section. SECTIONS.

Dat. str.

1 From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2 From Harbour Master's. 2 From Blake Pier. 3 From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4 From Naval Yard to East Point.

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PLAG	& Riu	BHRTH	- CAPTAIN	FOR PREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
Brit	. str		H. S. Bradshaw	P. & O. B. N. Co	To-morrow, at 10 A.M.
	str.	_	S. Barobam	P. & U. S. N. Co.	On 20th inst, at Noon.
	str.	k, w	PAP BRA PPP DOS	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LININ	On 25th inst.
	str		Навен	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LININ	On 5th March.
	. str		l'eter	HAMBURG-AMFRIKA LIKES	On 28th inst.
	str		Babel	HAMBURG-AMREIKA LINIE	On 5th March.
	str		. Droo	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 16th inst., at 1 P.M.
	etr.		R. Homma	NIPPON YUSUN KAISHA	On 17th inst., at D'light
	str.			MELGRER & Co.	On 20th inst.
	str.		Habel		About 23rd inst. On 28th inst.
	str		A Keith	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 3rd Mar., at D'light.
	i. etr.	1	C. D. Bennett, B.NB	P. & O. S. N. Co	On 20th March.
1 .	str.		A. E. Moses,	NIPPON YUSHN KAISHA	About 10th inst.
, <u> </u>	str.		P. Grosch	Миссиява & Со.	On 10th March.
	str.		C. Dewers	Mulches & Co	To-morrow, at Noon.
	L'str. ,	-	Radoniciah	SANDER, WIELER & Co	On 25th inst.
	str			DODWELL & Co., LTD	About 23rd inst.
	t. str.				Cn 12th inst.
Ori	t etr.	l m.	100 100 100 100 100 10	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co	On 13th inst., at 7 A.M.
	t, etr.		W. Shotton	DODWELL & Co. LTD.	On 2nd March, at Noon. On 13th inst., at 5 P.M.
Jap	str.		S. J. G. Parson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 16th inst., at Noon.
Jap	Btr.	e	G. S. Lapraik	NIPPON YUSHN KAISHA	On 2nd March, at Noon.
Ger	. etr	-	J. Minssen	MELCHERS & Co	On 25th inst., at 5 P.M.
Jap	str	_	T. Sekine	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 19th inst., at Noon.
Bri	t str	_	L. Dawson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIBE	On 26th inst. at 4 P.M.
Jap	str		N. Yagi	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 19th March, at Noon.
	to DAL . 14.	2 444	G. W. Eldy	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 8th April., at 4 P.M.
	etr.	-	F. E. Cope	NIPPON YUSBE KAISBA	On 22nd inst., at D'light
	, str. t. str		Zwest	NIPPON YUBBN KAIBHA	On 17th inst., at Noon.
		l m.	H Trowbridge	BUTTERPIRED & SWIEB	Quick despatch. To-day, at 4 P.M.
	t. etr.		Zi, Zioneriago iiii.	JARDINE, MATRESON & Co., LD	To-day, at Noon.
	r. str,			HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 11th inst.
Des	n afe			MELCHERS & Co.	To-morrow.
Bri	t. str		A. A. Campbell	JABDINE, MATHESON, & CO., LD.	On 12th inst., at Noon.
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Ge	r. str,	, 1 m.	P. Grosch	MBLCHERS & Co.	About 11th inst.
			F. Wheeler	JARDINE MATHESON & Co. LD.	
	en.str			P. & O. B. N. Co.	About 18th inst.
		_	T Surnor	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES OSAKA SHOEEN KAISHA	About 15th inst. On 11th inst., at 8 A.M.
Ge	r. str.	k.w.	Kotste	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LININ	On 18th inst.
	it. str			P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 19th inst.
. Jaj	p. str. 🚉	<u> </u>	A. Mooker	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 25th inst.
. Ur	Litz		Bradley	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ld.	On 2nd March., at Noon.
	o. str		I jichi	Ogaka Shoeen Kaisha	On 17th inst., at 8 A.M.
	o. atr			OBAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 14th inst., at 9 A.M.
		1 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at 4 P M,
	t. str			JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN	
1	it. str.	2 h		BUTTERFIELD & SWIED	To-day, at Noon.
	it, str		A. W. Outerbridge	BUTTERFIBLD & SWIRE	To-day, at 3 P.M.
	it, etr			JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	
	t. str		R. Rodger	SHEWAN TOMES & Co.	On 13th inst., at Noon.
	t. etr			BUTTERPIELD & SWIRE	On 16th inst., at 3 P.M.
Br	t. etr		S. J. Payne	Jardine, Materson & Co., Ld.	On 19th inst., at 4 P.M.
Br	t. etr.	a	B. W. Almond	BHEWAN, TOMFS & Co.	On 20th inst., at Noon.
Br	f. str	1 m.	G. H. Pennefather	BUTTERFIELD & SWIEL	On 12th inst., at 4 P.M.
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SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE	"PRINZESS ALICE" Capt. P. GROSCH	About Thursday, 11th February.
MANILA, YAP, NEWGUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"MANILA" Capt. H. MINSSEN	Thursday, 25th. Febr., at 5 P.M.
KUDAT & SANDAKAN}	"BORNEO" {	Beginning of March.
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Hongkong, 8th February, 1909.

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"EMPRESS OF CHINA		SATURDAY, 13th Febr	5th March
"MONTEAGLE"		Tuesday, 2nd March	26th March
"EMPRESS OF INDIA"	6,000	SATURDAY, 13th March	2nd April
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN"		SATURDAY, 10th April	30th April
"EMPRESS OF CHINA"		SATURDAY, let May	22nd May
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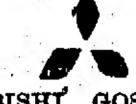
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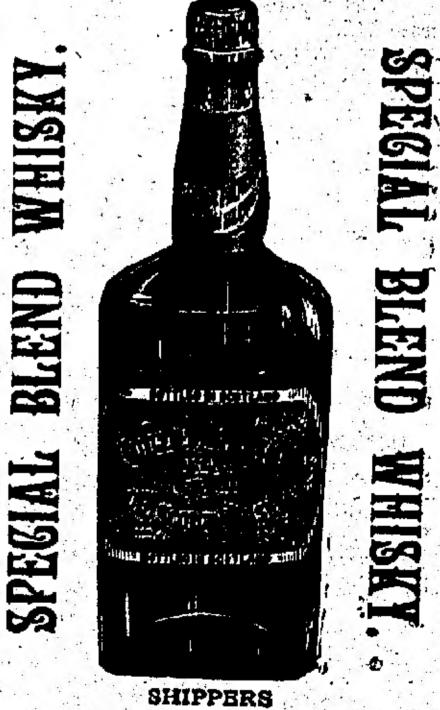
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VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL. The P.M. str. China sailed from Yokohama on the 5th instant, and is due to arrive at this port via Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai on the 14th

instant.

THE GERMAN MAIL. The I.G.M. str. Prinzess Alice carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 16th ultimo left Singapore on the 8th inst. at 8 a.m., and may be expected here on or about and London left Singapore on the 2nd instant Friday evening the 12th inst.

THE INDIAN MAIL. The Indo-China str. Laisang from Calcutta and the Straits left Singapore for this port on

the 2nd inst, afternoon. THE CANADIAN MAIL. The C.P.B. str. Monteagle arrived Yokohama at 3 p.m. on Saturday the 6th instant, and left again at noon Sunday for Kobe where she is due to arrive at 6 p.m. on Monday the 8th inst.

The C.P.R. str. Emprese of India left Van-

genter p.m. on Thursday the 28th ult. for

Hongkong via the usual ports of call.

MERCHANT STRAMERS The N.G.I. str. Ischia left Singapore for this port on the 1st inst., and may be expected here

to-day, The E. & A. str. Aldendam from Sydney &c. left Manila on the 7th instant at 7 p.m., and is due here to-morrow at daylight. The str. Gymeric sailed from Puget Sound

for Hongkong via Japan Ports on the 25th The Bank Line Ltd's str. Suveric left Moji on the 26th ultime for Hongkong via Manila. The Ben Line str. Bengloe from Antwerp

for this port. The Glen Line str. Glenroy left Singapore on Mr. H. K. Hunt the 5th instant, and may be expected to arrive

here on the 11th inst.

The H.-A. L. steamer Dortmund, left Singapore on the 4th instant p.m. and may be expected here on or about the 11th inst. The N.Y.K str. Nikko Maru (Australian Line) left Thursday Island for this port via Manila on the 4th instant, and is expected here

on the 15th inst. The Danish str. Cathay left Port Said on the 11th ult., and may be expected here on or about middle of this month.

TO-DAY. Bale, Sundry Condemned, Stores &c., Police Compound, Mesers. Hughes & Hough, 11 a.m. Twentieth Ordinary Meeting, Kowloon Land & Building Co., Ltd., noon.

COMMERCIAL. -: 0 :--EXCHANGE CLOSING QUOTATION. February 8th On London :--Bank Bills, on demand

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OPIUM. February 8th. Quotations are :-Malwa New ... \$1,070 per picul. \$1,080 Malwa Old Malwa Older ... \$1,100 ... \$1,125 Malwa V. Old Persian fine quality ... \$1,000 Persian extra fine ... \$880 per chest. Patna New Patna Old Benares New .

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SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 8TH, 1909. CLOSING QUOTA VALUE. PAID UP STOCKS. TIONS CASH. BHARES. BANKS. \$895. £86. Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corporation .. \$125 Ца 120,000 £7 £6 \$51, buyers National Bank of China, Limited 99,925 MARINE INSURANCES. Canton Insurance Office Co., Limited \$50 \$190, sellers 10,000 China Traders Insurance Co., Limited 24,000 10,000 10,000 \$25 \\$871, buyers £5 | Tls. 100. North-China Insurance Co., Limited \$250 \$100 \$100 \$830. Union Insurance Society, Limited \$60 | \$1771. Yangtsze Insurance Association, Limited 12,000 FIRE INSURANCES. 20 \$106. China Fire Insurance Co., Limited 20,000 \$250 50 8330, buyers Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited 8,000 DOCKS, ETC. Hongkong and Whampon Dock Co., Limited \$91, buyers 50,000 \$25 \$12, sellers Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited 18,000 39½, buyers Tis. 77. New Amoy Dock Co.. Limited 10,000 Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ld Tls. 100 Tls. 100 55,700 STEAMBOATS, TUGS, ETC. China and Manila Steamship Co., Limited ... \$12, sellers \$25 \$25 \$50 30,000 20,000 \$34, buyers Douglas Steamship Co., Limited Hongkong, Canton & Macao S.S. Co., Ld. .. 80,000 **\$30.** S37, sellers Indo China Steam Navigation Co., Ld. 60,000 10,000 Star Ferry Company, Limited \$5 £1 10,000 48/-, buyers Shell Transport & Trading Co., Limited 2,000,000 50 Tis. 45. Taku Tug and Lighter Co., Limited ... 8,600 Shanghai Tug and Lighter Co., Limited ... Tls. 50 200,000 Tls. 512 Preference 100.000 REFINERIES. \$130, sales \$100 20,000 \$17, sellers Luzon Sugar Company, Limited Tls. 50 Tls. 50 Tls. 100. Perak Sugar Cultivation 'Co., Limited WHARVES. \$45½, buyers Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. 60,000 Tls. 100 Tls. 155. Tls. 100 32,000 Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Co. LANDS AND BUILDINGS. 100 | \$90, buyers Hongkong Land Investment Agency Co., Ld. Tls. 50 Tls. 120. Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited ... Tls. 50 78,000 \$30 | \$32, sales \$50 Tls. 25 6,000 Kowloon Land and Building Company Tls. 25 Tls. 9. Wei-hai-wei Land and Building Co. all \$8.75, x.d. sel. Humphreys' Estate and Finance Co...... 150,000 \$50 | \$44, sellers \$50 West Point Building Co., Limited 12,500 TRAMWAYS. all 25,000 50,000 \$10 The Peak Tramways Co., Limited \$590, buyers Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin 18,000 Fcs. 250 18/10 | \$83, buyers Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Limited . 200,000 HOTELS, ETC. Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited..... \$25 Astor House Hotel Co., Limited (Shanghai)... 30,000 DISPENSARIES. \$10 \ \$9\frac{1}{2}, sales A. S. Watson & Co., Limited. \$10 | \$2, buyers Watkins, Limited \$200, buyers Hongkong and China Gas Co., Limited Tls. 121. Shanghai Gas Company, Limited. Tls. 50 \$10 | \$19. Hongkong Electric Co., Limited \$10 MISCELLANEOUS. 10 | 39.75, sellers Green Island Cement Co., Limited \$100 Nominal Hongkong Milling Co., Ld. (in Liquidation)... 12/6 \$9, buyers Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited £12/6

\$4 \$12\frac{1}{2}. \$10 \$230. 9,000 ordy, United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited 310 \$10 | \$10. Union Waterboat Co., Limited \$6 | \$14, sales 25,000 Hongkong Dairy Farm Co..... all \$220, sellers Hongkong Ice Company, Limited \$50 | \$59, sellers Bobinson Piano Co., Limited £20 Tls. 4371. Shanghai Waterworks Co., Limited all \$25, buyers Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Limited \$10 | \$10, sellers Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Limited ... Tls. 50 Tls. 84. Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ld... 75 Tls. 75. International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ld. Tla. 75 Tls. 100 Tls. 100 Tls. 80. Laou-Kung-MowCotton Spin. & Weav. Co., Ld. 2,000 Tls. 500 Tls. 500 Tls. 2772. Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Limited \$10 \$9.25, x.d. sel. China Provident, Loan & Mortgage Co., Ld... **200.000** i China Borneo Company, Limited 60,000 1,200 \$12 | \$112. all \$9, buyers Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited \$10 \$4, sellers Wm. Powell, Limited \$25 \$24, sellers South China Morning Post China Light and Power Company

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HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL register.

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LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,-STEAMERS PASSED THE CANAL. Jan. 9th-Indrasamba, Inaba Maru, P. R. Luitpold, Prometheus. 13th-Flintshire, Glenray, Salazie, Cathay, Roma. 16th-Peiho, Achilles, Palawan, Palermo. 20th-Armand Behic, Benvenne, Calchas, Montrose,

Sophie Rickmers. 23rd-Laertes, Ningchow, Prinzess Alice, Tourane, 27th-Glamorganshire, Hitachi Maru, Konang Si. 30th-Tudor Prince, Ching Wo. 30th-(Delayed through For Domand Drafts on London on the day of Mutilation), Moyune, Sicilia. February 3rd-Antilochus, Austria, Benlawers, Diomed, Indramayo, Kaisow, Palma, Scandia. 6th-Kleist, Derflinger, Sado Mars, Belomond, Dardnus, Price \$2 Cash. On sale at the "DATLY Ping Suey, Kamakura Maru, Nera.

ARRIVALS AT HOME. February 5th-Wray Castle, Bulow, Denbighshire, Sithonia, Ernest Simons.

AMARA, British str., 1,566, Mattock, 2nd Fob. -Karatsu 28th Jun., Coal-Mitsu Bishi Goshi Kaisha.

SHIPPING IN PORT.

ARIAKE MARU, Japanese str., 2,182, Auguwa, 30th Jan.-Moji 25th Jan., Coal-Mitsui Bussan Kaisha. BANGKOK, German str., 1,237, Nicoliasen, 30th January-Bangkok 22nd January, Rice-

Butterfield & Swire. BESSIE DOLLAR, British str., 2,798, Alex. Gow. 6th Feb.-Newcastle 16th Jan., Coul-Arnold, Kaberg & Ce. CAPE CORSO, British str., 2,510, Colin McLood, 5th Feb.-Newcastle (N.S.W.) 14th Jan.,

Coal-Dodwell & Co. CHOWFA, German str., 1,026, Rehr, 29th Jan.-Bangkok 21st Jan., Rice-Butterfield & Swire. EASTERN, British etr., 2,272, W. G. McArthur,

1st February—Kobe 26th January, General —Gibb, Livingston & Co. EMPRESS OF CHINA, British str., 3,046, R. Archibald, R.N.R. 22nd Jan.,-Vancouver,

B. C. 21st Jan., General—C. P. R. Co. ESANG, British str. 1,127, Meyrick, 2nd Feb. -Chinking 29th Jan., General-Jardine, Matheson & Co. FAUSANG, British str., 1,410, H. S. Malkin, 6th

Feb.—Saigon 1st Feb., Rice—Jardine, Matheson & Co. FOOKSANG, British str., 1,987, T. A. Mitchell, 5th February-Moji 31st Jan., General-Jarpine, Matheson & Co.

FRITHJOF, Norwegian str., 891, O. Andersen, 29th Jan .- Pulo Laut 21st Jan .. Coal-Aagaard Thoresen & Co. GERMANIA, German str., 1,600, H. Flügel, 23rd Jan.—Sydney 10th Dec., Koyen

Siemssen & Co. HAITAN, British str., 1,183, Rosch, 29th Jan. -Swatow 28th January, General-Douglas, Lapraik & Co. HAIYANG, British str., 1,362, Hodgins, 7th

Feb.-Foochow and Ports 6th February, General-Douglas, Lapraik & Co. HANYANG, British str., 1,207, Trowbridge, 31st Jan-Dalny 23rd and Chefoo 25th Jan.,

General-Butterfield & Swire. Ivo Maru, Jap. str., 3,918, S. J. G. Parsons, 7th Feb.—Seattle 5th Jan. and Shanghai 4th Feb., General-Nippon Yusan Kaisha. JEORI MARU, Japanese str., 1,859, K. Hayashi, 5th Feb.-Moji 30th Jan., Coal-Ataka

KUEICHOW, British str., 1,787, G. Hooker, 24th Jan.—Probolingo 17th January, Sugar-Butterfield & Swire. KWANGTAH, Chinese str., 1,536, W. H, Lunt,

Chinese. Kowloon, German str., 1,478, A. Enigk, 5th February-Chinkiang 30th Jan., Rice and General—Hamburg-Amerika Linie.

1st Feb. Shanghai 29th Jan., General.

KWEIYANG, British str., 1,035, Dawson, 4th Feb.-Wuhu 29th January, General-Butterfield & Swire. LIANGCHOW, British str., 1,215, H. Horsen, 6th Feb. Chinkiang 2nd Feb., General-

Butterfield & Swire. Lockson, German str., 1,020, W. Taubert, 27th Jan.—Bangkok 18th Jan., Rice-Butterfield & Swire. LOYAL, German str., 1,337, F. Natzius, 28th

Jan. Bangkok 17th Jan., General Sander, Wieler & Co. MATHILDE KORNER, German str., 1,847, M. 3rd Feb.-Moji 29th Jan., Coal-Jebsen

--& Co. MEEFOO. Chinese str., 1,334, J. McArthur, 5th Feb.—Shanghai 2nd February, General -Chinese.

MERAPI, Dutch str., 1,597, Uldall, 3rd Feb.-Singapore 26th Jan., Sugar-Chinese. NANCHANG, British str., 1,044, G. I. Sponks, 2nd Feb.—Iloilo 29th January, Sugar-

Butterfield & Swire. NIPPON MARU, Japanese str., 3,452, A. G. Stevens, 6th Feb-San Francisco 2nd Jan. General-Toyo Kisen Kaisha. PHEUMPENH, British str., 1,065, J. H. Scott,

27th Jan - Saigon 21st January, Rice-Chinese. PHU YEN, French str., 1.300, Andig, 6th Feb. Saigon 1st Feb., Rice-Order. PONGTONG, German str., 998, W. Böteführ, 4th Feb .- Bangkok 27th Jan., Rice and

Wood-Butterfield & Swire. PROTECTOR: Danish str., 145, Neilsen, 25th Jan .- Haiphong 23rd January -- Asgaard, Thoresen & Co.

RAGNAR, Norwegian str., 1,220, R. H. Nielsen, 6th Feb., Timber - Asgaard, Thoresen

SEMINOLE, Britith str., 3,796, H. D. Clarke, 28th Jan:-Swatow 27th January, Waterballast-Standard Oid Co. of New York. SHAOHSING. British str., 1,312, McIntosh, 3rd Feb.—Shanghai 30th January, General—Butterfield and Swire.

SHINKO MARU, Japanese str., 1,605, Seki, 1st Feb. Moji 24th Jan., Coal Ataks & Co. Siberta, American str., 5.655; A. Dixon; 5th Feb.—San Francisco 9th Jan; Mails and General—Pacific Mail S. S. Co.

STANDARD, Norwegian str., 895; H. Bull, 28th Jan.-Saigon 22nd Jan., Rice-Aagaard Thoresen & Co. TAISHAN, British str., 1,226, J. S. Laing, 24th January-Saigon 19th January, Rice-

Bradley & Co. TAIWAN, British str., 1,042, F. C. Everett, 7th Feb.—Dainy 1st Feb., General—Chinese. TEAN, British str , 1,346, Outerbridge, 6th Feb. -Manila 3rd February, Sugar and Hemp -Butterfield & Swire.

TARLAC, American str., 553, Gastanaga, 27th Jan.—Manila 20th Jan., Ballast—Order.

TRIUMPH, German str., 769; J. C. Hansen, 6th Feb.—Haiphong and Hoihow 4th Feb., General-Jebsen & Co. BEWARE OF WHISKIES Tungus, Norwegian str., 1,039, G. Fr. Krogh, 1st Feb. -- Wuhu 25th and Chinkiang 27th

Jan., Rice Hamburg-Amerika Linie. WAKAMATSU MARU, Jap. str., 1,722, Sikawa, 4th Feb. - Wakamutsu 30th Jan., Coal-Mitsu Bishi Goshi Kaisha.

Wosang, British str., 1,127, G. McHussey, 3rd Feb.-Wuku 29th January, Rice-Jardine, Matheson & Co.

BAILING VESSELS, Annia E. Smale, American 4-masted barque. 809, John F. Colstrup, 13th Dec.-Portland Oregon 8th Oct., Lumber-Mr. Jack. DAYLIGHT, British barque, 3,060, M. Bryde 9th October-Yokohama 19th September.

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